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MOBILE COUNTY COMMISSION

The Mobile County Commission met in special session in the Government Plaza Auditorium, in the City of Mobile, Alabama, on Monday, July 6, 2020 at 9:00 A. M. The following members of the Commission were present: Jerry L. Carl, President, Merceria Ludgood and Connie Hudson, Members. Also present were Glenn L. Hodge, County Administrator/Clerk of the Commission, Jay Ross, County Attorney, and W. Bryan Kegley II, County Engineer. President Carl chaired the meeting.

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INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Glenn L. Hodge, Mobile County Administrator.

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AGENDA #1

HOLD PUBLIC HEARING/CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION/  
FROM SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM  
COMMITTEE/TO AWARD GRANTS TO LOCAL  
BUSINESSES EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP  
WITH COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

President Carl asked if any citizen of the County wanted an opportunity to be heard, for or against, the recommendation from the Small Business Relief Grant Program Committee to award grants to twenty-one (21) local businesses that are experiencing financial hardship with the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis located within Mobile County, Alabama for the purpose of promoting the economic and industrial development of the County in accordance with Amendment No. 772 of the Constitution of Alabama.

**David Rodgers, Vice President of Economic Development, Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce:** Good morning, Commissioners. I am David Rodgers, the Vice President of Economic Development of the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce. I am here today to speak on behalf of the twenty-one (21) companies recommended before you today for approval. The volunteer committee met about two (2) weeks ago for these recommendations with the same process as before. The applications were reviewed by the volunteer committee. The applicants supplied financial documents to verify their losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic and their expenses to have funds towards. We feel there is sufficient evidence for all twenty-one (21) of these, so therefore there is a recommendation to this Commission for

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the approval of these. I will tell you again thank you for your leadership and to have the foresight of this. These twenty-one (21) companies represent over one hundred (100) employees right here in Mobile County. It is great we are able to help our small businesses in our community. If these were approved today for the recommendation, our total would be up to thirty (30) companies that we have helped out thus far with this program. That would be almost one hundred fifty (150) employees already that we have helped out.

**President Jerry L. Carl:** Do you have a combined dollar amount of those thirty (30) companies by any chance?

**David Rodgers:** I do not have that in front of me.

**President Carl:** Okay. That is fine.

**David Rodgers:** I will be happy to obtain the information and get back to you.

**President Carl:** Just text it over. I am curious where we are at.

**David Rodgers:** Yes. I will email it to all three of you so you will all have it.

**President Carl:** Thank you.

**David Rodgers:** With that, I am happy to answer any questions on any of the applications today. Again, thank you for your leadership and what you have done to set this program up. We see the economic benefit it is having to the community that your leadership has created. Thank you for that.

**Commissioner Connie Hudson:** Thank you very much.

**David Rodgers:** Absolutely.

**President Carl:** Thank you, David.

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AGENDA #2

AWARD GRANT FUNDS/BUSINESSES  
EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP/  
COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

Commissioner Hudson moved, seconded by President Carl, that the Board award grant funds to the following twenty-one (21) businesses in the following amounts that are experiencing financial hardship with the COVID-19

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Public Health Crisis within Mobile County for the purpose of promoting the economic and industrial development of the County in accordance with Amendment No. 772 of the Constitution of Alabama:

- Kingdom Finance, LLC in the amount of \$4,000.00, to be used for business expenses and business loans for one (1) employee for the next three (3) months.
- Elite Coverage, LLC in the amount of \$24,187.00, to be used for rent, utilities, and payroll expenses for two (2) to three (3) employees for the next four (4) months.
- Fitkits, Inc. in the amount of \$25,000.00, to be used for rent, loans, and payroll expenses for five (5) to six (6) employees for the next six (6) months.
- Miller Mae Freight Lines, LLC in the amount of \$19,041.00, to be used for loans, business expenses, and payroll for one (1) employee for the next three (3) months.
- Chic Jolie Boutique, LLC in the amount of \$10,000.00, to be used for rent and payroll expenses for four (4) to five (5) employees for the next six (6) months.
- Computer Hospital in the amount of \$10,278.00, to be used for payroll, rent, utilities, and business expenses for one (1) to two (2) employees for the next three (3) to six (6) months.
- Coffee Monster, LLC in the amount of \$13,000.00, to be used for payroll and business expenses for five (5) to six (6) employees for the next four (4) months.
- Trademark Promotions, LLC in the amount of \$25,000.00, to be used for inventory expenses for two (2) to three (3) employees for the next six (6) months.
- Strands Hair and Design in the amount of \$2,520.00, to be used for loss of revenue and business expenses for four (4) to five (5) employees for the next three (3) months.

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- Ephriam & Associates Environmental Consulting, LLC in the amount of \$16,015.00, for payroll, utilities, lease payments, and other business expenses for two (2) to three (3) employees for the next six (6) months.
- Kazoola Eatery and Entertainment, LLC in the amount of \$25,000.00, for lease payments, payroll, utilities, and maintenance for nine (9) to ten (10) employees for the next two (2) months.
- Oculo-Facial Consultants in the amount of \$25,000.00, for loan payments, payroll, and business expenses for six (6) to seven (7) employees for the next six (6) months.
- Dog Dreams, LLC in the amount of \$25,000.00, for rent, utilities, and insurance for twenty (20) to twenty-one (21) employees for the next two and one-half (2.5) months.
- Akridge Family Dental in the amount of \$25,000.00, for loans and payroll for six (6) to seven (7) employees for the next three (3) months.
- West Mobile Dental Care Corporation in the amount of \$25,000.00, for payroll, lease, loans, and utilities for six (6) to seven (7) employees for the next two (2) months.
- Unique Destinations in the amount of \$2,940.00, for utilities for one (1) employee for the next two (2) months.
- ellenJAY, LLC in the amount of \$25,000.00, for payroll and business expenses for eight (8) to nine (9) employees for the next three (3) months.
- The Way To Go, LLC in the amount of \$21,040.00, for payroll for four (4) to five (5) employees for the next two and one-half (2.5) months.
- Bare aEsthetics, LLC in the amount of \$1,400.00, for lease, utility, and business expenses for one (1) employee for the next month.
- Frogmore Boutique in the amount of \$19,083.00, for payroll and business expenses for two (2) to three (3) employees for the next six (6) months.

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- Paula's Hair Unlimited in the amount of \$10,000.00, for rent, utilities, and maintenance for four (4) to five (5) employees for the next six (6) months.

Commissioner Ludgood abstained.

Motion carried.

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AGENDA #3

ACCEPT GRANT AWARD/U.S. DEPARTMENT  
OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
(HUD)/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

**President Jerry L. Carl:** Is there a reason why we have this on this agenda?

**Glenn L. Hodge, County Administrator:** They wanted to get it in before the next meeting due to the timeline on it.

**President Carl:** Okay. I was just curious.

Commissioner Hudson moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board accept a grant award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program in the amount of \$1,622,148.00 with no local match, and authorize the President of the Commission to execute all documents associated with this award.

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #4

ACCEPT GRANT AWARD/U.S. DEPARTMENT  
OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
(HUD)/HOME PROGRAM

Commissioner Hudson moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board accept a grant award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), for the

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HOME Program in the amount of \$580,826.00, with a 25.0% in-kind or cash match (subject to a waiver by HUD), and authorize the President of the Commission to execute all documents associated with this award.

Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA #5

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS  
AND/OR COMMENTS

There were none.

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AGENDA #4

ADJOURN

Commissioner Hudson moved, seconded by Commissioner Ludgood, that the Board approve a request for motion to adjourn until July 13, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Jerry L. Carl, President

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Merceria Ludgood, Member

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Connie Hudson, Member

ATTEST:

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Glenn L. Hodge, County Administrator